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and 116 even more positive with respect to the reference  
(e.g., ground) potential. As a further alternative, the  
source 120 may be arranged to maintain the cathode 112  
and the anodes 114 and 116 negative with the anodes 114  
and 116 being less negative than the cathode 112.--

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**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

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11. (Amended) The gas discharge tube of claim  
[8] 10 wherein the reference potential is substantially  
ground.

12. (Amended) The gas discharge tube of claim  
[8] 10 wherein the biasing electrode is biased negatively  
with respect to the reference potential.

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**REMARKS**

Claims 1-23 remain in the application.

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner  
has objected to the drawings. The Examiner's objection  
is not clear. There are no blocks to be labeled.  
Therefore, there are no blocks that are unlabeled.  
However, in an effort to comply with the Examiner's  
objection, formal drawings are being submitted herewith.